

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 770

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A RESOLUTION to propose amendment of Article XI, Section 5,  
of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee,  
relative to casino gambling in Shelby County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the  
yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article XI, Section 5, of the  
Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language:

All other forms of lottery not authorized herein are expressly prohibited unless  
authorized by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general  
assembly for an annual event operated for the benefit of a 501(c)(3) organization located  
in this state, as defined by the 2000 United States Tax Code or as may be amended  
from time to time.

A state lottery means a lottery of the type such as in operation in Georgia,  
Kentucky, and Virginia in 2000, and the amendment to Article XI, Section 5, of the  
Constitution of the State of Tennessee provided for herein does not authorize games of  
chance associated with casinos, including, but not limited to, slot machines, roulette  
wheels, and the like.

The state lottery authorized in this section shall be implemented and  
administered uniformly throughout the state in such manner as the legislature, by  
general law, deems appropriate.

and by substituting instead the following language:

A state lottery means a lottery of the type such as in operation in Georgia,  
Kentucky, and Virginia in 2000. The state lottery authorized in this section shall be

implemented and administered uniformly throughout the state in such manner as the legislature, by general law, deems appropriate.

All other forms of lottery are expressly prohibited except:

(1) Lotteries authorized by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general assembly for an annual event operated for the benefit of a 501(c)(3) organization located in this state, as defined by the 2000 United States Tax Code or as may be amended from time to time; and

(2) Casino gambling authorized by the legislature, by general law, for casinos located within the boundaries of Shelby County, including slot machines, roulette wheels, craps, and other games of chance associated with casinos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the secretary of state in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.